Decline in the Hydel-Thermal

2949. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleas-to state;

(a) whether the steady decline in the hydel-thermal mix of the country's po wer supplies is causing concern to the experts in the power sector;

(b) if so, whether hydel-thermal mix stood at 51.49 in 1962-63 and it went down to 40.60 at the end of Fifth Plan at the end of the Seventh Plan; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has been declining from 1962 onwards and what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The hydel-thermal mix in the country by the end of each five year plan period and that anticipated by the end of the current five year plan period is as given below; —

End of Five Year Plan	Hydel-Thermr.l Mix (%) Hydel(%)	Thermal including. Nude; r(%)
1st Plan (1956)	35	65
2nd Plan (1961)	41	59
3rd Plan (1966)	46	54
Annual Plans (1969)	46	54
4th Plan (1974).	42	58
5th Plan (1979).	41	59
Annual Plan (1980)	40	60
6th Plan (1985).	34	60
7th Plan (1990) (estimated)	30	70

The development of hydro power potential is dependent on various technical and economic factors including resolution of inter-State disputes regarding sharing of water resources, environmental considerations, rehabilitation of oustees, difficult terrains, longer lead time required for investigation of hydroelectric schemes and longer gestation period. 4, However, to strengthen the development of hydro potential, a number of hydroelectric power projects have been proposed for construction in the Central and State Sec_ tors for benefit in the Eigth Plan. External assistance isc also proposed to be availed if for hydro power development in the country.

New telephone connection

2950. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of new telephone connections given during the last three years, yearwise-

(b) such figures separately for four metropolitan cities of Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Calcutta;

(c) the number of applications for tele phone connections on the waiting lists;

(d) the details of plans under way to

set up more telephone exchanges and increasing the capacity of the existing exchanges;

(e) whether there are any special plans to expand the telephone net work in hilly and backward areas; and

(f) by when the waiting lists are ex pected to be covered by allotting new telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRl GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of new telephone connections given during the last three years, is as under:

During	Connections given
t. 1985-86	2,67,362
2. 1986-87	3.24,151
3. 1987-88	3,13,078

(b) The figures for the four metropo-litan cities are given as under:

During	Bombay	Madras	Delhi	Calcutta
1985-86	42,983	11,022	33,498	8,967
1986-87	44,939	11,642	51,523	5,756
1987-88	45,026	9,000	51>616	8,474

(c) The number of applications foi telephone connections on given waiting lists are as under:

Year ending on	Waiting List
1. 31-3-1986	. 9,85,685 .
2. 31-3-1987	11,24,574
3. 31-3-1988	12,63,524

Year end on	Bombay	Madras	Delhi	Calcutta
31-3-86	1.84,557	31,270	1,54,721	28,097
31-3-87	2,02,054	39,806	1,70,661	32.843
31-3-88	2,10,646	45,998	1,87826	39,711

(d) During the year 1988-89 it is proposed to add about 750 new telephone exchanges besides expansion of various existing telephone exchanges. The net increase in the telephone switching capacity is expected to be about 5 Lakhs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The objectives of the Seventh Plan to clear the waiting list is as under:—

Unit /Type	Meeting average telephone dem and for the period registered upto
Telephone Districts	
1. Metro Distts.	30-9-1986
2. Major Distts.	30-9-1986
3. Minor Distts.	1-4-1987
Telecommunications Circles	
1. MAX I (large size Exchanges)	1-4-1987
2. MAX II (Medium size exchanges)	1-4-1988
3. MAX m (Small) & Manual exchanges	1-4-1990

The remaining waiting list shall be cleared progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

Losses suffered by NPCC

2951. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENERGY 'be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Projects Construction Corporation has been running into losses for sometime past;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chairman NPCC who was due to retire has been granted extension of service despite the losses in the Corporation; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI); (a) Over the last ten years, the National Projects Construction Corporation (NPCC) ha$_s$ been earning profits, excepting for 1985-86 and 1986-87.

(b) and (c) The Chairman & Managing Director, NPCC had been granted extension of term for one year from 27.1.1988 keeping in view his performance in toning up the functioning of the Corporation. Latest projections indicate that the Corporation has not incurred losses during 1987-88.

आचार्य नरेन्द्र देव और जे० बी० कृपलानी के सम्मान में स्मारक डाक-टिकट

2952. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महान स्वतंत्रता सेनानी और देश भक्त आचार्य नरेन्द्र देव तथा आचार्य जे० बी० कृपलानी, जिनके जन्म शताब्दी समारोह इस वर्ष शुरू हो रहे हैं, के सम्मान में स्मारक डाक-टिकट जारी करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवधर गोमांगो) : (क) और (ख) इन दोनों विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों पर 1989 के दौरान डाक-टिकट जारी करने का अंतरिम प्रस्ताव है ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Overcharging on Decadtron Formulations

2953. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when were the prices of Decadron formulations fixed under DPCO, 1987 and what was the price fixed for each pack;

(b) what is the current approved price for each pack and whether it is a fact that this company is overcharging the price;